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## VA receives 20th consecutive clean audit opinion

**WASHINGTON** —The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently received its 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive clean audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements presented in its <u>Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Agency Financial Report.</u>

The financial statements and financial report provide information to Congress, the president and public to assess VA stewardship over financial resources and its performance as an organization.

An independent public accounting firm selected by the <u>VA Office of Inspector General</u> reviewed VA's financial statements and provided a clean opinion.

"VA is committed to improving its financial stewardship and has set ambitious goals designed to enhance performance." said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This clean opinion demonstrates VA's successful efforts to ensure taxpayer resources are used effectively and efficiently in support of Veterans and their families."

The FY 2018 Agency Financial Report further highlights VA accomplishments in providing health care and services to America's Veterans, while displaying groundbreaking progress in accountability, transparency and efficiency.

Through the <u>Financial Management Business Transformation initiative</u>, VA will provide a modern financial and acquisition management solution to standardize business processes and reporting capabilities. These efforts reflect VA's commitment to fiscal accountability and improved care and services to Veterans.

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